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SUBJECT: ALLOWANCES, <sup>25X1A</sup>

1. THE ANSWERS TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS ARE NEEDED WHICH HAVE ARISEN ON THE APPLICATION OF HOME SERVICE TRANSFER ALLOWANCES ESTABLISHED BY THE ABOVE CITED REGULATION.
2. AN EMPLOYEE RETURNS TO HEADQUARTERS UNDER TDY ORDERS WITH THE FULL INTENT OF REASSIGNMENT TO THE FIELD. HOWEVER, WHILE AT HEADQUARTERS, THE INDIVIDUAL IS EXAMINED BY THE MEDICAL OFFICE AND A MEDICAL "HOLD" IS PLACED ON THE INDIVIDUAL. THIS PROHIBITS HIS IMMEDIATE REASSIGNMENT AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED AND THE TDY ACTION IS CHANGED TO PCS HEADQUARTERS WITH INTENT TO REASSIGN THE INDIVIDUAL TO A FOREIGN POST AT A LATER DATE WHEN THE MEDICAL "HOLD" CAN BE REMOVED.
3. QUESTIONS WHICH DEVELOP FROM THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
  - A. DOES THE INDIVIDUAL HAVE A RIGHT TO HOME SERVICE TRANSFER ALLOWANCES (TEMPORARY LODGING AND ZONE TRANSFER) UPON BEING REASSIGNED PCS HEADQUARTERS RATHER THAN TDY? THIS SITUATION ASSUMES THAT THE MEDICAL ACTION WILL EVENTUALLY BE REMOVED ENABLING THE INDIVIDUAL TO BE REASSIGNED AS IS INTENDED BY THE REGULATION.
  - B. WOULD THE ANSWER TO A BE THE SAME IF THE MEDICAL HOLD WAS SUCH AS TO PRECLUDE FOREVER THE REASSIGNMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO AN OVERSEAS POST?
  - C. WHAT RIGHT DOES AN INDIVIDUAL HAVE TO THESE ALLOWANCES IF HE IS RETURNED TDY AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CONTROLLING DIVISION, BUT HIS STATUS IS LATER CHANGED TO PCS (WITHOUT ANY QUESTION OF MEDICAL HOLD)?
  - D. WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO REFUND ALLOWANCES (ASSUMING THAT THEY ARE GRANTED UNDER A) IF THE MEDICAL HOLD WAS TEMPORARY AT FIRST, BUT WITHIN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS AFTER RETURN BECAME PERMANENT TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT WOULD PROHIBIT THE INDIVIDUAL FROM BEING REASSIGNED OVERSEAS?

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